

## **BROMLEY DEANERY SYNOD**

**A meeting of the Bromley Deanery Synod is to be held on  
Thursday 5 October 2017 at 8pm  
at St. Mary the Virgin Hayes Street, Hayes, Kent, BR2 7LH**

### **A G E N D A**

Tea and Coffee from 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Opening worship: Rev Napo John, Rector of St. Mary Hayes
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2017
5. Matters arising
6. Anna Chaplaincy
  - a. We welcome Julia Burton-Jones and Judith West to speak about this ministry to people living with dementia
  - b. Church Hub, a local expression of dementia support
7. Communications

Reflection and discussion about ideas raised at the last synod to share information about parish events.
8. Training

Update on parish initiatives in the Deanery
9. Refugee crisis
10. Treasurer's report
11. Diocesan Board of Education – update on status
12. Any other business

*(to be notified to the Area Dean at least two days prior to the meeting)*
13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 February 2018 – St Mary, Bromley
14. Prayer

Refreshments

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## BROMLEY DEANERY SYNOD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 ~ 20:00

St Nicholas's Chislehurst

<http://bromleydeanery.simdif.com/>

**Present:** 34

**Apologies:** 16

**Welcome:** Area Dean, Rev Alan Keeler, welcomed people to the new three year term of Deanery Synod.

**Holy Communion:** Rev Alan Mustoe, Rector of St Nicholas's, conducted a Holy Communion service.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Elections:**

<i>Lay Chair:</i>	Mrs Angela Scott	Proposed by: Mr Richard Latteman
		Seconded by: Ms Mary-Margaret Yates
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr Richard Latteman	Proposed by: Mr Nick Batt
		Seconded by: Rev Katrina Barnes

*Secretary:* No one stood. The Lay-chair acted as secretary for this meeting. Anyone willing to take on this role to contact the Area Dean (see Deanery website for details)

**The way ahead:** This is a new Synod with a number of new members so a brief explanation was given about the role of Deanery Synod:

- Embracing the structure of governance from PCC up to General Synod (GS) via Deanery (Den S) and Diocesan Synods (DS).
- Information is passed top down from GS to DS, Den S & PCC's, also bottom up, from PCC's & Den S to DS & GS.
- 'What can we do together what we can't do apart?' How can each church in the deanery encourage and enable one another to generate Mission. Currently Bromley Den S comprises of 14 churches.

**Food for thought:** small group discussion between different churches. The 2018 leaflet 'HOPE' was the basis of the discussion – encouraging words and actions to make Jesus known.

- Feedback with the aim as Mission, spreading the Good News:
- Co-ordinated diary
- Website links
- Children's/Youth leaders working together
- Training events together
- Parish Magazines on Deanery Website
- Worship ideas and special services together
- Sharing resources and communicating more effectively
- Identify what needs to be done together
- Show a unified action for witness and encouragement
- Identify issues e.g. Sunday morning children's/young people's sport clash with church services...look imaginatively about how to overcome the problem; what does each church suggest?
- Sharing problems as well as highlights.

## **Elections in Houses:**

### ***House of Clergy:***

*Diocesan Synod:* Rev Andrew McClellan

Rev Katrina Barnes

Rev Beth Lewis

Rev Roger Bristow

*Area Dean to approach* *Rev Paul Farthing*

*Standing Committee:* Rev Alan Mustoe

Rev Ann Jablonsky

Rev Steve Varney

### ***House of Laity:***

*Diocesan Synod:* Mr Richard Latteman

Mr Nick Batt

Ms Angela Ivery

*Lay Chair to approach* *Mr David Jai-Persad*

*Mrs Tina Fitcher-Smith*

*Standing Committee:* Mr Richard Latteman

Mr Andrew Low

Ms Mary-Margaret Yates

NB: Mrs Angela Scott is a member of Diocesan Synod as an elected member of General Synod

**Past and Future Business:** The Area Dean introduced this agenda item.

- Mission Action Planning. The pie charts of activities in each parish in the Deanery was held up so those new to Deanery Synod could see the progress made in the previous three years mapping areas of strengths in each parish.
- Rochester Training: and resource material was mentioned and will be further discussed.
- Refugee Crisis: A letter from Christine Rogers was mentioned. The Area Dean is to talk to her to see how DenS can help.
- Taking Funerals Seriously: Building bridges between funeral directors and clergy has been taking place and will continue.

**Treasurers Report:** Mr Richard Latteman declared there was nothing new to report. Finances are OK.

**Diocesan Board of Education:** Rev Roger Bristow reported that the process of reconstituting the board is taking longer than expected. The current board is continuing to stand. There is to be an interim chair as the Archdeacon of Tonbridge is retiring and the new Bishop of Tonbridge will take over as chair when he/she is appointed.

AOB: None

**The meeting concluded with the grace at 21:30 and was followed by refreshments**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19:30 for 20:00 (venue to be arranged)

**Standing Committee:** The Stead, Willow Grove, Chislehurst BR7 5BU: Thurs. 21st September - 19:30

**Diocesan Synods for 2017:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October both at 09:30